

Town of Tiverton
343 Highland Road
Tiverton, RI 02878

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TIVERTON DECLARES MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY

In accordance with the recommendation of Governor of the State of Rhode Island, and to take necessary action to prevent the spread the COVID-19 virus, the Town of Tiverton has declared a State of Emergency, effective March 16th 2020.

Consistent with the Tiverton Town Charter, Article IV, Section 405, the Town Council President has signed a Declaration of Emergency to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the town.

Pursuant to Municipal Order 2020-02 dated March 16, 2020 and signed by Town Council President Patricia Hilton, the following restrictions shall be come effective immediately.

Tiverton Municipal and Probate Courts are suspended until further notice.

The Tiverton Senior Center and Tiverton Public Library are closed to the public until further notice.

All entertainment licenses and special event permits are suspended during the emergency period. No new entertainment licenses or event permits will be issued.

Public gatherings shall be limited to twenty-five (25) persons or less.

Non-essential public meetings and all public events are postponed until further notice.

Town offices and departments shall continue to operate but will restrict in-person access. Essential business and visits to town offices will be by appointment only.

Residents are encouraged to utilize on-line services available at www.Tiverton.ri.gov to conduct personal business when possible.

“We are working closely with our state and local official to keep on top of this situation. I am encouraging all our residents to take common sense measure like frequent handwashing, avoid crowds, and limit your interaction with municipal government except when absolutely necessary,” said Council President Hilton.

In accordance with the Tiverton Town Charter, the Tiverton Town Council will be asked to ratify this declared State of Emergency as soon as circumstances permit.

Residents are encouraged to visit the Town of Tiverton website at www.Tiverton.ri.gov for additional information

The Tiverton Emergency Operations Center is operating Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for public safety questions. The phone number is 401-625-6707. For medical emergencies, please continue to call 911.

Additional information may be found at the RI Department of Health website, which can be found at <https://health.ri.gov/diseases/ncov2019/> .

The CDC's dedicated website can be found at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

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